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Serial No. 10/600307
Attorney Docket No. 1079

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of
Alioto, et al,

For

Apparatus and Method for Detecting
Radiation or Radiation Shielding in
Containers

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Examiner: Unassigned

Commissioner for Patents (Attention Licensing and Review)
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXPEDITED HANDLING OF FOREIGN FILING LICENSE

Sir/Madam:

Applicants respectfully petition for the immediate grant of a foreign filing license pursuant to 37 CFR 5.12 and 5.14. This grant is being sought prior to the expiration of 6 months period from the filing date of the application.

The patent application is directed to methods and apparatus for the detection of radioactive materials used in explosive devices and further to the detection of shielding materials that may be used to conceal explosive devices, especially when such materials are placed with shipping containers of the type laded upon ocean going vessels. The application does *not* disclose any data useful for the making of arms or munitions or the processing of nuclear material useful for arms production. Delay in the export of the patent data would be counterproductive to national security since the principal purpose and nature of the invention is to prevent dangerous radioactive materials from being imported into the United States by terrorists.

Applicants believe that the immediate grant of a foreign license is in the best interest of national security. Applicants' invention contributes to efforts to counter terrorist threat to the ports of the United States by providing technology that detects and identifies radioactive and nuclear explosive devices that may have been placed in a shipping container by individuals or organizations whose intent is to cause harm to the United States and its citizens. Applicants'

invention further provides technology to detect the presence of unlawful radioactive and nuclear explosive devices by also detecting shielding materials used to conceal the presence of these devices within shipping containers.

This petition is accompanied by the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h).

Applicants' respectfully submit that the present application is entitled to an immediate grant of a foreign filing license. An action approving this petition and granting a foreign filing license is accordingly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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